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FORMER CHISTOCHNA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO MORE THAN NINE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR FIREARMS CRIME

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on December 5, 2007, Theodore Boston, a former resident of Chistochina, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 110 months in prison for his conviction of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Boston, age 35.

According to information presented to the court in the plea agreement, on March 4, 2007, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a telephone call from a citizen, who reported that he had just had an encounter with Boston and a female, whose pickup truck was in the ditch on the Glenn Highway near mile 150.5. The citizen further reported that the male and female both appeared to be intoxicated and that the male was in possession of a handgun.

An Alaska State Trooper responded to the scene, and also observed that the defendant appeared to be intoxicated. The Trooper found a fully loaded Ruger .44 magnum revolver in the open bed of the pickup truck and seized the handgun for officer safety. Investigation revealed that the defendant previously had stolen the .44 magnum revolver and ammunition while burglarizing a residence. In addition, the defendant previously had been convicted of two felony offenses.

Mr. Cohen commended the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force and in particular the Alaska State Troopers and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Boston.

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